CLAIMS

We claim:

1. 1. Method for representing business processes, comprising
2. the steps of:

3. defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple
4. including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and

5. displaying a selected process as a point in navigation
6. space.

1. 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2. displaying selection lists, including a noun selection
3. list, a verb selection list and an attribute selection
4. list;

5. responsive to user selection of a 3-tuple including
6. noun, a verb and an attribute from said selection
7. lists, highlighting the point in navigation space
8. corresponding to said 3-tuple.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2   responsive to user selection of a zoom in action in

3   connection with a selected process point, determining

4   if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so

5   highlighting in a new navigation space the process

6   points referenced by selected process point

7   definitions.

4.   The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

2   responsive to user selection of a zoom out action in

3   connection with a selected process point, determining

4   if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so

5   highlighting in a new navigation space the zoomed to

6   process point.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

   responsive to user selection of a create process

   action, accepting and storing a 3-tuple and process

   definition.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

   responsive to user selection of a process edit action

   in connection with a selected process, displaying the

   process definition corresponding to said selected

   process for editing by said user.

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

   responsive to user selection of a run process action in

   connection with a selected process, executing said

   process.

1 8. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

2   responsive to user selection of a zoom operation with

3 respect to a first process displayed in a first navigation

4 space in a first window, opening a second window to display

5 the zoomed to process space in a second navigation space,

6 and highlighting said first process point in said first

7 window.

1   System for representing business processes, comprising:

2   a store containing for each of a plurality of processes

3   a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an attribute;

4   and

5   a display operable to display a selected process as a

6   point in navigation space.

1   10. A program storage device readable by a machine,

2   tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a

3   machine to perform method steps for representing business

4   processes, said method steps comprising:

5   defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple

6   including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and

7   displaying a selected process as a point in navigation

8   space.

1   11. An article of manufacture comprising:

2   a computer usable medium having computer readable

3   program code means embodied therein for displaying

4   representations of business processes, the computer

5   readable program means in said article of manufacture

6   comprising:

7   computer readable program code means for causing a

8   computer to effect defining each of a plurality of

9   processes as a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an

10   attribute; and

11   computer readable program code means for causing a

12   computer to effect displaying a selected process as a

13   point in navigation space.

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